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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith, in response to a "Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief", is an Amended "Status of Claims" page for Appellants' Appeal Brief. The first sentence of the "Status of Claims" was amended to recite: —Claims 1-17 are pending, all of which stand rejected. The rejections of claims 1-17 are appealed.—

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Status of Claims

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A copy of the claims is attached as a Claims Appendix to this Appeal Brief.